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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Laurie Magid today announced the filing of an Indictment¹ against Treena Smith, a former Citizens Bank employee in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, charging her with conspiracy to commit bank fraud and aggravated identity theft, bank fraud, aggravated identity theft, and unauthorized access of Citizens Bank records in connection with bank fraud.

According to the indictment, from November 2005 through April 2006, Smith participated in the theft of personal and account information of customers of Citizens Bank. That customer information was then passed from Smith to other individuals who manufactured fraudulent photographic identification documents and counterfeit checks in the names of customers of the bank, using the photographs of "check-runners," individuals who then posed as customers of the banks and cashed fraudulent checks made payable to those customers.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH
Treena Smith	Philadelphia, PA	28

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of sixty years imprisonment and a \$4,000,000 fine.

The case was jointly investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service and the U.S. Secret Service, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney K.T. Newton.

¹An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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